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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
Attorney Docket No. SUN-P6446-SPL

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF )  
G. William Walster ) Examiner: Do, Chat C.  
Serial No. 10/017,574 ) Group Art Unit: 2124  
Filing Date: December 13, 2001 )  
Title: APPLYING TERM CONSISTENCY TO AN )  
INEQUALITY CONSTRAINED INTERVAL )  
GLOBAL OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM )

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed September 10, 2004.
- A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), including
  - check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
  - 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and 9 references.
- No additional claims fees are required.

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[ ] An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS = 20	0	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$78 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
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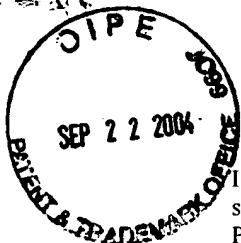
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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir

In response to the office action of **September 10, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.